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SUBJ: FAO SUGAR STUDY IN PUERTO RICO

1. FODAG HAS RECEIVED COPY OF FOLLOWING LETTER DATED MAY 16
ADDRESSED TO R.E. BELL, FAO INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE, USDA:
BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. BELL, WE ARE PLANNING TO SEND WITHIN NEXT
FEW MONTHS AN EXPERT CONSULTANT TO ASSESS CURRENT SITUATION OF
SUGARCANE PRODUCTION IN PUERTO RICO, PARTICULARLY UNDER SMALL-
HOLDINGS. WE WOULD REQUIRE CONSULTANT TO MAKE STUDY OF THIS
CROP UNDER CONTEXT OF ITS DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITIES ON COUNTRY-
RELATED OR REGIONAL LEVEL SO ASSISTANCE MAY BE PROVIDED IN FUTURE
TO UNDERTAKE CROP IMPROVEMENT/PROCESSING PROGRAMS ON COOPERATIVE/
GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL BASIS. SINCE EXPERT MUST COVER NUMBER OF
COUNTRIES IN SHORT PERIOD, HE WILL NECESSARILY BE REQUIRED
SPEND FEW DAYS IN EACH COUNTRY TO MEET CONCERNED OFFICERS
OF GOVERNMENT, VISIT RESEARCH-EXPERIMENT FARMS, DISCUSS
PROBLEMS AND OBTAIN SUCH IDEAS AND ASSISTANCE AS HE MAY
DESIRE IN ORDER TO ENABLE HIM TO DRAW UP CONCLUSIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS.

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WE ARE SENDING HERewith COPY OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CONSULTANT.

TENTATIVE MONTH OF ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY WILL BE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
AND WILL BE CONFIRMED IN DUE TIME WHEN ALL ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS FINALIZED. WE WOULD THEREFORE REQUEST YOU KEEP
GOVERNMENT INFORMED OF IMPENDING CONSULTANCY SO ARRANGEMENTS
CAN BE MADE TO CONTACT DESIRED OFFICERS WHEN EXPERT ARRIVES.

CONSULTANT WE EXPECT TO RECRUIT FOR ABOVE-MENTIONED CONSULTANCY IS DR. ORLANDO SANCHEZ E., ASESOR TECNICO, INGENIO PICHICHI S.A. (BUGA) VALLE, COLOMBIA. SIGNED O. BRAUER, DIRECTOR, PLANT PRODUCTION AND PROTECTION DIVISION, FAO. END TEXT.

2. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SUBJECT STUDY ARE: BEGIN TEXT.

PURPOSE OF CONSULTANCY IS TO ASSESS FEASIBILITY OF INCREASED PRODUCTION OF SMALLHOLDERS' SUGARCANE IN (1) LATIN AMERICA/ CARRIBBEAN AND (2) NEAR EAST AND ASIA. TERMS OF REFERENCE OF CONSULTANT(S) ARE FOLLOWING:

A. STUDY CURRENT SITUATION OF SUGAR INDUSTRY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PRODUCTION IN SMALLHOLDINGS AND LOCAL PROCESSING INTO UNREFINED, SEMI-REFINED, OR REFINED SUGAR UNDER EXISTING RESEARCH AND FIELD PROGRAMS;

B. CRITICALLY, ASSESS SUITABILITY AND ADEQUACY OF PRINCIPAL SUGARCANE GROWING AREAS, VARIETAL PERFORMANCES, AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES, EXTENSION SERVICES, PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL;

C. IDENTIFY MAJOR CONSTRAINTS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROVED PRODUCTIN, PRODUCTIVITY AND QUALITY OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCT IN ORDER TO MEET DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MARKET DEMANDS;

D. SUGGEST POSSIBLE COOPERATIVE/INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS AMONG CANE GROWERS TO IMPROVE CANE PRODUCTION AND LOCAL PROCESSING INTO SEMI-REFINED OR REFINED SUGAR;
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E. PREPARE A SCHEME(S) FOR INTRODUCTION OF IMPROVED OR MORE SUITABLE HIGH-YIELDING CANE VARIETIES, INCLUDING ADAPTABILITY TRIALS, VARIETAL SCREENING, AGRONOMIC AND OTHER INVESTIGATIONS FOR SPECIFIC COUNTRIES OR A GROUP OF COUNTRIES;

F. ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF SOUND MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL POLICY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUGARCANE RESEARCH, PRODUCTION, TECHNOLOGY AND TRAINING;

G. SUGGEST SUITABLE INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK NECESSARY FOR RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTATION, EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, PLANT MATERIAL AND EXPERTISE SO THAT A NETWORK OF RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS AMONG THE CANE GROWING COUNTRIES COULD BE BUILT UP TO FOSTER THE NEEDS OF THE SMALLHOLDER SUGAR INDUSTRY OF REGION;

H. BASED ON CRITICAL EXAMINATION AND OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF SUGAR INDUSTRY, VISITS AND CONSULTATIONS, PREPARE COMPREHENSIVE REPORT WITH OUTLINES OF PROJECTS WHERE NECESSARY. END TEXT.
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